## CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for updating stitch data in a storage
- 2 device using a wireless connection, comprising:
- 3 receiving a command to update the stitch data in the
- 4 storage device;
- 5 determining if the storage device is currently in
- 6 use;
- 7 logically disconnecting the storage device from a
- 8 stitching device;
- 9 transferring new stitch data from a source system to
- 10 the storage device via a wireless connection;
- updating the stitch data in the storage device with
- 12 the new stitch data;
- 13 reconnecting the storage device to the stitching
- 14 device.
  - 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the storage device is
  - 2 a memory card.
  - 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the memory card
  - 2 includes a programmable logic device, flash memory,
  - 3 memory card connector, and a wireless interface.
  - 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the stitching device
  - 2 is an embroidery machine.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the stitching device
- 2 is a sewing machine.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the command to update
- 2 the stitch data in the storage device is generated by the
- 3 source system.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the command to update
- 2 the stitch data in the storage device is generated by the
- 3 stitching device.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein determining if the
- 2 storage device is currently in use comprises:
- detecting data signals generated from a flash memory
- 4 within the storage device.
- 1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein updating the stitch
- 2 data in the storage device with the new stitch data
- 3 includes erasing the contents of the storage device and
- 4 storing the new stitch data in the storage device.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless
- 2 connection is at least one of a line of sight or
- 3 broadcast transmission.
- 1 11. A system for updating stitch data in a storage
- 2 device using a wireless connection comprising:
- 3 a stitching device;
- a storage device connected to the embroidery
- 5 machine;

- a source system having stitch data, wherein the
- 7 stitch data is transferred to the storage device in
- 8 response to a command to update the stitch data in the
- 9 storage device.
- 1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the storage device
- 2 is a memory card.
- 1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the memory card
- 2 includes a programmable logic device, flash memory,
- 3 memory card connector, and a wireless interface.
- 1 14. The method of claim 11, wherein the stitching device
- 2 is an embroidery machine.
- 1 15. The method of claim 11, wherein the stitching device
- 2 is a sewing machine.
- 1 16. The method of claim 11, wherein the command to
- 2 update the stitch data in the storage device is generated
- 3 by the source system.
- 1 17. The method of claim 11, wherein the command to
- 2 update the stitch data in the storage device is generated
- 3 by the stitching device.
- 1 18. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
- determining if the storage device is currently in
- 3 use by detecting data signals generated from a flash
- 4 memory within the storage device.

- 1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the storage device
- 2 is logically disconnected from the stitching device in
- 3 response to determining that the storage device is
- 4 currently in use.
- 1 20. The method of claim 11, wherein updating the stitch
- 2 data in the storage device includes erasing the contents
- 3 of the storage device and storing new stitch data in the
- 4 storage device.
- 1 21. The method of claim 11, wherein the wireless
- 2 connection is at least one of a line of sight or
- 3 broadcast transmission.